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1. During the week 10-16 Jun 53 82,300 bags of coffee were exported. From the interior, 80,312 bags moved down into port, and present port stocks now total 87,640 bags.
2. Export movement which since the beginning of the year 1953 has been better than normal, is expected to remain so for some time. There is much available space in all export warehouses, but due to the port improvement program, which has interrupted normal switching operations, and to the prolonged labor shortage, the reception of coffee has slowed down considerably. Many cars and trucks are left from one day to the next pending discharge; at present 16 Jun 53 there are 90 railroad cars and quite a number of trucks in the yards awaiting dispatch.
3. Railroads remain in good operating condition. Highway transportation is still slightly inconvenienced due to landslides and rains of the 27 May to 2 Jun 53 period but traffic is not seriously hampered.

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